



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

- WHEREAS: In 2001, the 107th Congress adopted Senate Resolution 160, which designated October as Family History Month; and
- WHEREAS: Research on family history and ancestry is a popular hobby across the nation; and
- WHEREAS: Family connections strengthen our local communities and represent the resolve, stability, and determination that encompass the American dream; and
- WHEREAS: Family history research can offer greater insight into an individual's identity, while also providing a sense of community and togetherness; and
- WHEREAS: DNA testing, records of military service, census data, ship passenger arrival records, and state and local archives supplement the research process and help individuals construct family trees; and
- WHEREAS: The Georgia Archives, as well as local organizations such as the Bartow County Genealogical Society, provide access to integral resources for genealogical research; and
- WHEREAS: During Family History Month, Georgians are encouraged to explore their ancestry by sharing family photos and heirlooms with loved ones, recounting family stories with younger generations, and creating new family traditions; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2018 as FAMILY HISTORY MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

CHIEF OF STAFF